

EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

THE secretary of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses has sent the following circular to the members of the Society:

“October 4, 1900.

“DEAR MADAM:

“The answers received by your secretary from the members of the society, relating to affiliation with the Associated Alumnae for purpose of entering the National Council of Women, show that affiliation is approved. Seventy-one affirmative and two negative replies were received. Members sending no answers were largely those who are at present not holding hospital positions. Of our new members several who had not been at the meeting preferred not to vote. The choice of president and first vice-president to carry out details with the affiliating organization was also practically unanimous—one or two members desiring it to be understood that this is an arrangement for the current year without force in the future. Your secretary has therefore notified the secretary of the Associated Alumnae of these facts, and the correspondence with the National Council of Women will now be left to the committee representing the superintendents and the alumnae. Letters received from Mrs. Gaffney, president National Council, show that the annual executive session of 1900 will be held in Minneapolis, November 13, 14, and 15, and we are urged to have representatives there, two being allowed for national organizations. This would give us each a delegate. The president of a national organization or her proxy is usually one of these delegates. In our circumstances the societies would no doubt try to send Western members who are near to the place of meeting.

“Your secretary's work on this matter is now at an end.

“Respectfully submitted,

“L. L. DOCK.

“By order of the President and Council.”

THE following circular letter has been sent to the officers and councillors of the Superintendents' Society and the Associated Alumnae:

“INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES, October 4, 1900.

“MY DEAR —

“You will remember that at the convention meetings in May last the formation of an International Council of Nurses was laid before you for your approval and support, and that, in the proceedings of the Provisional Committee, the following resolution was found:

RESOLUTION PASSED BY BRITISH DELEGATES.

“‘That in the opinion of the British members of the Provisional Committee, the organization of nurses being more fully developed in the United States of America than in any other country, it would be of great professional benefit if a

meeting of the International Council of Nurses could be held in the United States in 1901 to celebrate the new century.'

.. Proposed by MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

.. Seconded by MISS ISLA STEWART.

" 'It would be an opportunity to hold an International Congress of Nurses at the same time.'

" The suggestion to hold a Congress of Nurses fitted in well with the proposed Pan-American celebrations, to be held in Buffalo next summer, and was cordially endorsed by the Buffalo Nurses' Association, at whose invitation the two national organizations of nurses will meet in that city. As, however, the Buffalo Nurses' Association desired it to be made known that they would assume nothing beyond local management, the International Council of Nurses at the meeting in July of this year designated two American members, Miss Snively and Miss Dock, who had been elected respectively treasurer and secretary, to form a committee which should undertake the work of convening a Congress of Nurses. These two members believe that no better or more representative committee could be found than one composed of the officers and executives of our two societies, viz.: the superintendents and the alumnae.

" Will you consent to serve on such a committee? The undersigned urge an early and affirmative reply.

" With cordial greetings,

" M. AGNES SNIVELY,

" Toronto General Hospital.

" LAVINIA L. DOCK,

" 265 Henry Street, New York."

A LITERARY CLUB

DURING the summer months the nurses of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, by way of increasing their interest in their profession, formed themselves into a Literary Club. The aim of this society was a four-fold one: first, for the graduates to continue their studies systematically; second, for the nurses in training to accustom themselves to advancing their own theories and sustaining them by their arguments; third, for the probationers to give them an idea of what good knowledge was in store for them; and, fourth, for all to increase, if possible, the spirit of good-will among the nurses.

One of the number was chosen as president, whose duty it was to preside at each meeting. Three others were formed into an "Information Bureau," which had charge of the programme for each meeting. The club met once a fortnight, and during the season many good papers were prepared and read by members, some of the subjects being "Pneumonia," "Complications of Pneumonia," "Diphtheria," "Croup," "Ethics for Nurses," etc.

By way of variety we had debates and question drawers, the latter proving very interesting and beneficial, such questions as, "Discuss the Relative Merits of Ointment and Powder for use on Excoriated Surfaces," "The Individual Duty of the Nurse in the Ward," "The Care of Rubber Goods," "The Relative Merits of Carbolic and Bichloride of Mercury as Disinfectants," etc. All were sorry when the summer was over, as the club had proved to be so interesting that it was considered a means of recreation.

C. F.

ROCHESTER CITY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Rochester City Hospital Alumnæ Association was held in the assembly-room of the Isabella Graham Hart Home on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 9, Miss E. Langstaff, the president, in the chair. The attendance was unusually large and the principal business of the afternoon was the election of the following officers: President, Miss Elizabeth Connor; first vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Frick; second vice-president, Miss R. A. Sercomhe; recording secretary, Miss Phæbe Bush; corresponding secretary, Miss E. C. Sanford; treasurer, Miss Sophie Tytler. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers.

MONROE COUNTY MEETING

THE regular meeting of the Monroe County Nurses' Association was held at the Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester, New York, September 25, Miss Allerton, first vice-president, in the chair.

Miss Kinghorn sang several songs very charmingly. Mrs. William A. Montgomery gave a talk on the "Profession of Smoothers." Mrs. Montgomery held her audience spellbound for three-quarters of an hour. She was followed by Miss Damer, of Buffalo, who spoke at length on the formation of the New York State Society. Miss Hollister was elected a delegate to go to Albany when the initiatory meeting should be called.

The secretary reported the completion of the arrangements for the affiliation with the Local Council of Women. Miss Sanford, chairman of the Committee on Ethics, read her report, but it was decided to postpone the adoption of the report until the return of the president. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served on the veranda.

It was altogether a very enjoyable occasion.

JULIA E. BAILEY,
Secretary.

NEW CLUB AT POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

A NEW club has been organized at Poughkeepsie, known as the Dutchess County Graduate Nurses' Club. Miss Elizabeth S. Burroughs is president and Miss Mary J. Blass, secretary.

NEW YORK STATE MEETING

NOTICES of the proposed State meeting have been sent to all organized nursing societies of the State and to all superintendents of training-schools where there are no alumnæ societies or nurses' clubs among the graduates, asking them to interest themselves in forming clubs from which delegates may be sent to this meeting.

A. DAMER.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

AMONG the conventions scheduled for next summer in Buffalo are assemblages of women's clubs and other similar organizations, which the Pan-American Board of Women managers will be expected to look out for.

The nurses of Buffalo are represented on this board, and no proposed meetings are arousing more general interest than the International Nursing Congress which will assemble there next September. It is stated that arrangements are under way whereby the Pan-American Exposition management may lease part of the Women's Union Building for use by women's conventions during the Exposition period.

It will prove an ideal place for such conventions, having a fine hall and commodious committee rooms, and is in every way adapted to the purpose.

A. D.

COMMITTEE MEETING

THE Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses held a meeting at the Westminster Hotel, in New York City, September 25, at eleven-thirty A.M. There were present Miss M. E. P. Davis, Miss Anna L. Alline, Miss Alice T. Twitchell. With the exception of an intermission of three-quarters of an hour for luncheon, the committee worked diligently until four P.M., when they adjourned to meet again in November.

ANNUAL REPORT

THE annual report of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses can be obtained by applying to the secretary, Miss L. L. Dock, 265 Henry Street, New York City; the price is fifteen cents, which includes postage. This report contains much of interest to all nurses and to all those interested in training-school and hospital matters.

DISINFECTING APPARATUS

Is there such a thing as a disinfecting apparatus that can be operated in connection with an ordinary hot-air furnace for the disinfection of mattresses, blankets, and woollen clothing?

"SMALL HOSPITAL," care of the Editor.

CORRECTION

IN the October number of the JOURNAL, in the report of the meeting of Spanish-American war nurses, the statement that Dr. McGee was elected by acclamation is an error. The election was by ballot, Dr. McGee receiving fifty votes and Miss Hibbard four.

MISS HIBBARD IN CUBA

MISS M. EUGÉNIE HIBBARD sailed for Cuba September 29 in response to a cablegram from Major Greble, offering her the position of superintendent of the Training-School for Nurses at Matanzas, Cuba.

[We regret being obliged to go to press without the second instalment of Miss Hibbard's very interesting paper, "With the Maine to South Africa."—ED.]